COLLOCATION – UNIT 12

12.1. Use a word from the box in the correct form to complete each collocation. Use each word once only.

| shine | dark | light up | sunny | lighten | darken |

1. I could tell Maria was in a good mood by the .... smile on her face.
2. The little boy's eyes .... when he saw his daddy approaching.
3. Let's put some happy music on to .... the atmosphere. Everyone's too serious.
4. My grandparents lived through the .... days of civil war from 1936 to 1939.
5. The girl's eyes .... with excitement as she prepared for the party.
6. Mr Garnham's expression .... as he was told the terrible news.

12.2. Read these remarks by different people, then answer the questions.

Jason: I was in floods of tears. It was such a sad film.

Thomas: An hour before the match there was already a trickle of vehicles entering the car park.

Emma: I had a heated conversation with Alice the other day.

Madeline: I didn't think there'd be much traffic today but there was a steady stream of vehicles on the main highway.

Rob: Tempers flared, I'm afraid, and mine was one of them.

Charlotte: Everyone was pouring out of the stadium as I drove past.

	name(s)
1. Who saw a lot of cars?	
2. Who got very angry indeed?	
3. Who saw a lot of people all at once?	
4. Who had a disagreement or argument?	
5. Who saw a small number of cars?	
6. Who cried over something?	

12.3. Put these words in order to make sentences.

1. with / cheeks / embarrassment / burning / were / My

....

2. city / up / has / in / capital / flared / the / Violence

....

3. flowed / The / during / discussion / ideas / the

....

4. divorce / was / footballer's / The / publicity / surrounded / famous / a / by / blaze / of

....

12.4. Answer the questions.

1. What is most likely to be fiery?

(a) someone's intelligence   (b) someone's temper

2. Which is the most typical collocation? a blaze of

(a) temper   (b) glory   (c) joy

3. What is most likely to be heated?

(a) discussions   (b) cheeks   (c) troubles

4. What is most likely to flare up?

(a) love   (b) interest   (c) violence

12.5. Use a dictionary to find collocations using these words in a metaphorical way.

1. bright   ....

2. warm   ....

3. cold   ....

IDIOMS – UNIT 10

10.1. Which of these people are in a good situation (from their point of view) and which are in a bad situation?

                                                  Good situation   Bad situation

1**.** Jack has been let off the hook.

2. Lily has had to carry the can.

3. Carmen is at everyone's beck and call.

4. Bea has got her own way.

10.2. Complete each of these idioms with a preposition.

1. It's wrong to take the law .... your own hands.

2. It's time I laid.......... .... the law and made them do their duty.

3. I would not want to be .... the receiving end of his bad temper. (Give two answers.)

4. Old Bob seems to have become a law .... himself at work. He does just what he likes.

5. Nobody tells you what to do. You're just left .... your own devices.

10.3. Rewrite the underlined part of each sentence with an idiom.

1. I think there is a reason she's not telling us about that letter she sent to the boss.
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2. I thought I was going to have to represent my class at the staff-student meeting, but they've told me I don't have to.
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3. She's an awful boss to work for; the secretaries have to do what she wants whenever she wants it, eight hours a day, seven days a week.
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4. He has had to take a lot of criticism from the press in recent weeks.
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5. They cause all the trouble, and I always have to take the blame.
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6. I don't want someone telling me what to do all the time. I'd rather be allowed to make my own decisions about how to do things.
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10.4. Write a sentence or a couple of sentences for each of these idioms to show their meaning.

1. a hidden agenda …………………………………………………………………………..

2. a spin doctor …………………………………………………………………………………

3. bend the rules …………………………………………………………………………………..

4. go to the polls …………………………………………………………………………………..